



*The Procession*, by John August Swanson

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Third Sunday After Pentecost

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

†PRELUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

INTROIT

*A Day in Your Courts*

Zebulon M. Highben

*Adonai of hosts! How dear is your dwelling place, Adonai of hosts!*

*My life is wholly spent with longing for the courts of Adonai.*

*My heart and my flesh thrill to the living God.*

*It is well with those who dwell in your house; ever will they praise you!*

*How much better a day in your courts than a thousand in my chamber.*

*Adonai of hosts, it is well with anyone who trusts in you.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalms 92 and 95)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

**People: and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord

and make music to your name, O Most High,

**People: to proclaim your love in the morning**

**and your faithfulness at night.**

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**People: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**

**and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

**All: Come, let us worship God.**

\*HYMN NO. 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Nicaea*

\*CONFESSION OF SIN

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,**

**too real to hide, and too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,**

**what our hearts can no longer bear,**

**and what has become for us hard to hold.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;**

**open to us a future in which we can be changed;**

**and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;**

**through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

Silent Confession  
Assurance of Forgiveness

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*REGATHERING HYMN NO. 611** *Joyful, Joyful (Verse 3)*

*Hymn to Joy*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Chris Uithoven

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us.  
Amid all the changing words to our generation,  
speak your eternal Word that does not change.  
Then may we respond to your gracious promises  
with faithful and obedient lives;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**PSALM READING**

Psalm 100

(Pew Bible, OT Page 552)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Chris Uithoven

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Colossians 3:12-17

(Pew Bible, NT Page 201)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"Our Song Shall Rise"*

Mindy Douglas

*(silent reflection)*

**ANTHEM**

*Eternal God, We Give You Thanks for Music*

John Rutter

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for music,  
blest gift from heav'n to all your servants here on earth:  
in time of joy a crown, in sorrow consolation;  
companion through our days of tears and mirth.*

*We give you thanks for ev'ry sound of beauty;  
for sweetest harmony that echoes in our hearts,  
for melodies that soar on high like birds at morning,  
for voice and instrument in all their parts.*

*As we are blest, so may our gift bless others:  
may hearts be touched and spirits lifted up anew,  
let music draw together those who live as strangers,  
bring joy to those we love, in thankfulness true.*

*And when at last we come into your kingdom,  
all discord over and all earthly labor done,  
then sound and silence yield before one equal music,  
and with the Giver shall our souls be one.*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Confession of 1967*

Esther Hethcox

**The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer.  
In that response it commits itself afresh to its mission,  
experiences a deepening of faith and obedience,  
and bears open testimony to the gospel.  
The arts, especially music and architecture,  
contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation  
when they help people to look beyond themselves to God  
and to the world which is the object of God's love.**

**\*HYMN NO. 385**

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

*Old Hundredth*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Lenore Champion

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Invitation to Give

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem

*Earth Song*

*Frank Ticheli*

*Sing, Be, Live, See...*

*This dark stormy hour, the wind, it stirs.*

*The scorched earth cries out in vain:*

*O war and power, you blind and blur.*

*The torn heart cries out in pain.*

*But music and singing have been my refuge.*

*And music and singing shall be my light.*

*A light of song shining strong: Alleluia!*

*Through darkness, pain and strife, I'll*

*Sing, Be, Live, See, Peace, Peace.*

*(silent reflection)*

\*Doxology with Alleluias

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia;***

***Praise God above, ye heavenly host;***

***Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we  
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

† The prelude today is dedicated to Brent Curtis, for putting my lights on the Christmas tree. –KCP

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Nicaea*

Descant

4 Ho - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a descant marked '4' and contains the lyrics 'Ho - - - ly,'. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef, featuring chords and melodic lines. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef, featuring chords and a bass line. The lyrics for four different parts are listed below the middle staff.

ho - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

The second system of the musical score also consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a descant marked 'ho' and contains the lyrics 'ho - - - ly,'. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef, featuring chords and melodic lines. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef, featuring chords and a bass line. The lyrics for the continuation of the hymn are listed below the middle staff.

ho - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our  
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
aid he did us make; we are his folk; he  
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:

who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

## *Happening Today*

**Celebrating Kathy Parkins:** Join us following worship **today** for a complementary light lunch and program honoring the retirement of our beloved Organist, Choir Director, and Minister of Music, **Kathy Parkins** after 32 years. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/celebrating-kathy>. Please send letters, cards, financial gifts in honor of Kathy, and paper photos (which will be returned) to the attention of Kathy Parkins Celebration at First Presbyterian Church, 305 East Main St., Durham, NC 27701.

The Middle School Mission Trip to Asheville Youth Mission departs. Meet **John** and **Sophie** in the parking lot at **2:00pm**.



Sign In

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning the QR code to the left. For online giving, scan the QR code to the right.



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We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Jesus Christ. First Presbyterian welcomes individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the **Friendship Pad**, pass it along the pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

The **flowers** in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Martha Rimmer** by husband **Steve Rimmer**, and daughter **Lyn**, and son-in-law **John Williams**.

**Bulletin Artist's Reflections:** "There are sacred places throughout the world for all beliefs, places that have special meaning in the lives of people who journey to get there. They experience a centering, a healing, and a safe place to remember and to hope. The journey or procession takes us out of our ordinary lives to experience a transcendental or universal connection. The outward walk reflects an inner journey. We have taken the steps to move to another space in the journey of our lives."

**Flower Donation Opportunities Available:** There are open dates for worship flower donors in September. To sign up, visit [bit.ly/FPCflowers26](http://bit.ly/FPCflowers26) or click on the flowers link in the bi-weekly newsletter.

Thanks to **Dan Huff** for conducting the Introit today and **Leigh Wynkoop** for her descant on the Rutter anthem. The Introit was composed by **Zebulon Highben**, Director of Music at Duke University Chapel "in honor of **Kathy Cain Parkins** and her 32 years as Minister of Music at First Presbyterian Church, Durham, North Carolina, upon her retirement."

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**Childcare:** A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags and baskets** are available in the foyer for children. Please return them to the foyer at the end of worship.

**Restroom locations:** To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the first and second floors of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

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## *Upcoming Events*

Many of our events are posted in the bi-weekly newsletter. You may read past newsletters and join our mailing list at <https://firstpres-durham.org/weekly-newsletter/>



**Congregational Meeting:** The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship on **June 21**. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear a report from the Nominating Committee. They are bringing three additional officer nominees for the congregation to consider: **Sibu Admay**, 3-year term as deacon in the class of 2029, **Rory Dillon**, 3-year term as elder in the class of 2029, and **Rachel Bethune**, 1-year term as a deacon in class of 2027 (to fill an unexpired term).

**Summer Class:** The Summer Book Class continues! Led by members of our Racial Equity Task Force, we are exploring afresh *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving. Join us at **9:45 am** in Watts-Hill Hall on Sundays, **May 31-June 28**. Books are available for purchase for \$15 in the volunteer office.

**The Daytimers Group:** The Daytimers Group will meet at The Thai Café on **June 23** at **11:30**; the address is 2501 University Drive, Durham. Their telephone number is 919-493-9794.

**First Friends Summer and Fall Gatherings:** Mark your calendars now for First Friends gatherings this summer and fall!

- July 18, hosted by Franzi Rokoske and Catherine Dumas
- August 1, hosted by Deborah and Tyler Momsen-Hudson
- September - annual beach weekend - date TBD
- October 17, hosted by Lea Bingham and Rob Dilworth

All gatherings will begin in the early evening. Stay tuned for more details closer to the events.

**Yoga** is offered at FPC on Mondays at 4:30pm (vinyasa flow class), and Fridays at 10:30am (chair yoga class). Contact **Jane Wettach** for more information at [janezettach@gmail.com](mailto:janezettach@gmail.com).

**Love Offerings & Retirement Celebrations:** As we prepare for the retirements of three beloved staff members, the Session has approved love gift offerings for each of them. If you would like to contribute, please do so at [bit.ly/FPCdonate](https://bit.ly/FPCdonate) by **June 15**. A celebration honoring **Tom Bloom** and **Sybil King** will follow worship on Sunday, **June 28**, featuring a reception and program. Please mark your calendars.

**FPC Blood Drive:** Save the date and give the gift of life! FPC Durham is hosting a blood drive Thursday, **July 23** from **1:00–6:00 PM** and we'd love your help. More info on how to sign up is coming soon. For now, mark your calendars and stay hydrated!

~Celebrations and Concerns of the Congregation ~

**We remember in prayer:**

*Brianna Bennett's* great aunt, *Aunita Coffee*, died at the age of 92 in Texas.

*Mary-Jo Keenan's* brother, *Edward Keenan*, on a recent fall and his wife, *Meryl*, as they navigate this season.

Condolences to *Michael Honeycutt* on the death of his cousin *Johnny Boles* of Raleigh on June 8th.

*Paul Lee's* brother, *Jasper Lee*, and nephew, *Newton Wong*.

*Tony Brown*

*John Fricks*

*Lee House*

*Dan Mapel*

*Paul Cornsweet*

*Sue Fricks*

*Ann Huff*

*Harriett Mitchell*

*Sam Crabtree*

*Elizabeth High*

*Elizabeth Manceras*

*Fred Moore*

*Susan Cyr*

*Kerry Holbrook*

*Amy Mapel*

*Franzi Rokoske*

**Care Communities:**

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley, Alfred Tisdale*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Carol Wills, Phyllis Supple*

Brookdale Senior Living: *Debbie Mathews*

Durham Ridge: *Phillip Herndon*

Pruitt Health - Durham: *Fred Callaway*

Southpoint Atria: *Madge McKeithen*

**Family and Friends of the Congregation**

*Ashley Alvord*, colleague of Sharon Hirsch  
*Francisca Cristobal*, relative of Al and Judy Arrowood

*Kim Cummings*, father of Drew Cummings

*Sara Degand*, cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

*Linda Foster-Momsen*, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

*Cheryl Fowler*, friend of Cheri Reece

*Jennifer Hervey*, daughter-in-law of Jeanne Hervey

*Donna Holladay*, friend of Jane & Robert Brawley

*Katie Jackson*, wife of Matthew Hirsch

*Donna Johnson*, mother of Ann Huff

*Anthony Ketcham*, brother of Wil James

*Marcia Magee*, aunt of Kathryn Muchison

*Sandra Mikush*, mother of Katie Fogleman

*Ana Sofia Ochoa*, family member of Becky Martin

*Patrick O'Neill*, father of Brianna Bennett

*Rebecca Todd ("Toddie") Peters*, mother of Sophie Peters

*Bill Prochaska*, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood

*Annie Reaves*, great-niece of Floalice and Robert Reaves

*Joe Quirk*, stepfather of Tim O'Brien

*Jim Vacca*, father of Jamie Chambliss

## This Week at a Glance!

**Sunday, June 14**

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

**9:45 AM** Adult Faith Formation (Lectionary Class & Summer Book Class for adults.)

**9:45 AM** Children's Summer Faith Formation

**11:00 AM** Worship: Mindy Douglas, preaching; Kathy's Last Sunday

### Following Worship

**12:30 PM** Congregational Luncheon (Watts-Hill Hall)

**2:00 PM** Asheville Youth Mission Departs (Parking Lot)

**4:00 PM** Somethings Ice Cream Sundae Social

### Monday, June 15

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM** Walk-In Ministry

**1:30 PM** Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)

**4:30 PM** Yoga (Watts-Hill Hall)

### Wednesday, June 17

**1:00 PM** FPC Program Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)

### Thursday, June 18

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM** Walk-in Ministry

**7:00 PM** Somethings Summer Book Group

### Tuesday, June 16

**5:00 PM** Finance & Investment Committee (Daye Meeting Room)

### Friday, June 19

**10:30 AM** Yoga (Room 201)

**2:00 PM** Asheville Youth Mission Returns (Parking Lot)

**Sunday, June 21**

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

**9:45 AM** Faith Formation  
(Lectionary Class & Summer Book Class for adults. Children's Class.)

**12:15 PM** Fellowship Committee

## CHURCH STAFF

*Janet Askew*, Business Administrator  
*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
*Lenore Champion*, Children's Ministry Director  
*Vernon Cooper*, Sexton  
*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor/Head of Staff  
*Susan Dunlap*, Parish Associate  
*Omar Guess, Sr.*, Sunday Morning Sexton



*Joseph Harvard*, Pastor Emeritus  
*Esther Hethcox*, Associate Pastor  
*Sybil King*, Administrative Assistant  
*Brandi Kirkland*, Communications Associate  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music  
*John Weicher*, Associate Pastor

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